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In the Application of :  
Larry Neil Mackey et al. : Confirmation No. 6640  
Serial No. 09/914,966 : Group Art Unit 1771  
Filed September 6, 2001 : Examiner Cheryl Ann Juska  
For Absorbent, Flexible, Structure Comprising Starch Fibers

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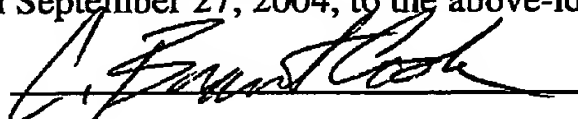
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Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/914,966  
Applicant(s) : Larry Neil Mackey et al.  
Filed : September 6, 2001  
Title : ABSORBENT, FLEXIBLE, STRUCTURE COMPRISING STARCH FIBERS  
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Examiner : Cheryl Ann Juska  
Conf. No. : 6640  
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